

209 W. 45th St.,

March 21, 1887.

My Dear May,

I have been confined to the house nearly a week with a tormenting cough, and have tried to find comfort in writing the enclosed article. As you possibly may not have seen Eli Thayer's pamphlet, I send you a copy. I know not if you will think it requires any notice at our hands, but it seems to me ^{that} it offers a text for us which we should improve.

Please read my MS. &

tell me what you think
should be done with it. If
it bears marks of any fee-
bleness and illness, tell me
so, as gently as you May, but
truly. I must not be left to
throw discredit on our good
cause. If you think it ought
to be published, do you sup-
pose that you, as a Worcester
County citizen of credit and
reputation, could get it in to
the Massachusetts Spy? In
that way we should strike
at Thayer most effectually.
Or, would it be better to try
the Boston Herald, which

might possibly pay me some-
thing for it, and yet may not
be even willing to give me
place?

I do not feel discour-
aged on account of my cold,
though it gives me much dis-
comfort. I am going out this
afternoon.

Mrs. Johnson is in
usual health and wishes
to be remembered to you
and Mrs. May.

Yours, affectionately,
Oliver Johnson.

